

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT CHARLESTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. 2:20-00003

ANDREW MARTIN HOPKINS

**MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER**

Pending before the court is defendant's motion to continue. (ECF No. 25). In support of defendant's motion, counsel for the defendant states that he needs additional time to prepare this case for trial, given that he was just recently appointed to represent defendant. Counsel for defendant needs additional time to acquire and review discovery, which he anticipates will be voluminous, as well as to investigate appropriate defenses. The government does not object to the motion to continue.

Because failure to grant the requested continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice, the court finds that the ends of justice outweigh the best interest of the defendant and the public in a speedy trial, see 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), and **GRANTS** defendant's motion to continue. In deciding to grant defendant's motion, the court considered the factors outlined in 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(7)(B) and found that failure to grant the continuance would deny counsel for the defendant the reasonable time necessary to effectively prepare for trial, taking into account the exercise of due diligence.

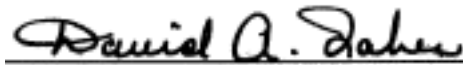
Accordingly, the court hereby **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Trial of this action is continued until June 16, 2020,  
at 9:30 a.m., in Charleston;
2. All pretrial motions are to be filed by May 25, 2020;
3. A pretrial motions hearing is scheduled for June 1,  
2020, at 2:00 p.m., in Charleston;
4. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the time from the  
filing of defendant's motion until the trial is  
excludable for purposes of the Speedy Trial Act.

The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to counsel  
of record, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of  
West Virginia and the Probation Office of this court.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this 3rd day of March, 2020.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David A. Faber", is written over a horizontal line.

David A. Faber  
Senior United States District Judge